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Suspected Shipment of Sheep Skins to USSR and Satellites

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"Pulled wools! Semi-tanned sheep skins has been a booming business here for several years, and never greater than last year. Skins have had to be brought into this country from Turkey and Iraq in order to meet the demand. These all go to Italy, chiefly Naples, and no one here can understand what Italy does with these unless it is to sell them discreetly behind the Iron Curtain. The consequence of all this is that there has been a good and continued supply of pulled wools - some of those from Baghdad skins being particularly satisfactory."

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